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Average Hourly Wage Increases, According to Kansas Wage Survey

TOPEKA, Kan. – Kansas' average hourly wage increased from an estimated \$18.89 an hour in May 2010 to \$19.24 in May 2011, according to the *Kansas Wage Survey, 2012 Edition*.

The average hourly wage in Kansas is \$2.50 less than the 2011 national average of \$21.74. When compared to surrounding states, Kansas paid a higher average hourly wage than Nebraska and Oklahoma, but lower than Missouri and Colorado in 2011.

Health-care occupations remained the highest paying jobs in Kansas, with the highest wage paid to orthodontists at an average of \$119.99 an hour. Eight of the 10 highest paying occupations in Kansas are health-care related. Chief executives are the highest paid individuals in management, making an estimated \$76.61 an hour.

"We hope this data serves as a valuable resource for workers and employers in Kansas as we continue working to expand and bring new business to the state," Karin Brownlee, Kansas Secretary of Labor, said.

Registered nurses, retail salespersons, cashiers, customer service representatives and workers in the food industry showed some of the highest estimated employment numbers for 2011.

The *Kansas Wage Survey* is produced in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Labor Market Information Services at the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL). It includes several other statistical measurements and information, containing data collected over a 3-year period from November 2008 through May 2011. The 2012 survey measures occupational employment and wage rates for wage and salary workers in non-farm industries. Approximately 4,500 Kansas employers are surveyed each year through the semiannual mail survey.

"We would like to thank all of the Kansas businesses for their timely responses to our survey. Without their data, it would be impossible to produce this valuable product," Diana Ashwill, supervisor of the Occupational Employment Statistics program, said.

Additional national information, including technical notes, can be found through [the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#).

See the entire survey [here](#). For more information, visit <http://klic.dol.ks.gov>.

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